



September 17, 2018 UHNA General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Heather Sheets at 7:08pm
2. Lauren Watts spoke on behalf of the Atlanta Police Foundation:
 - a. She described the Operation Shield technology programs.
 - b. The Video Integration Center allows officers to use cameras and license plate readers throughout the city.
 - c. Some privately owned cameras are also integrated.
 - d. Since installation of cameras in Zone 2 in 2017, crime is down 28%.
 - e. The APF is a non-profit organization that support strategic initiatives for APD.
 - f. Detective Leonpacher added that cameras are a huge help.
3. Anu Piduru gave an update on the security patrol:
 - a. It is time to renew for security patrol members.
 - b. Current yearly goal is \$40,000.
 - c. First year was a little over the goal, second year a little under.
 - d. Currently \$12,000 short.
 - e. The patrol is doing three shifts per week of four hours each.
 - f. Individual benefits of security patrol include services when travelling, such as bringing in trash bins, moving packages to a secure place, etc.
 - g. Cost is \$250 per year. There is a group rate for condos and townhomes.
 - h. There has been a 34% reduction in car break-ins since the inception of the patrol.
 - i. Renewals may be done through PayPal, Flipcause on the neighborhood website or via check.
 - j. If not fully funded, the patrol will continue at current level until funds run out.
 - k. Detective Leonpacher added that car break-ins in Beat 204 have gone up 43% while they have decreased in our neighborhood since the patrol began.
 - l. He also added that the turnover in the police department because of low pay affects individual beat knowledge.
 - m. He was asked about the allocation of beat time and referred that question to Major Shaw.
4. Adrian Carver and Megan Wilson gave an update on the Renew Atlanta projects for Howell Mill Rd.:
 - a. Adrian Carver is the Construction Concierge.
 - b. Her job is to communicate impacts during construction.
 - c. The 100% plans are to be complete by December.
 - d. Visible signs of construction should begin in 2020.
 - e. Megan Wilson is a traffic engineer with 22 years of experience and is working on the signal retiming for Howell Mill Rd.
 - f. Signal retiming project will be concurrent with Complete Streets.
 - g. New radar detection technology will be installed that can detect bikes and pedestrians and is not as invasive as the current in road technology.
 - h. New technology will allow the timing to be changed on the fly remotely and be changed by emergency vehicles.
 - i. UHNA traffic committee is looking at bike lanes associated with this project.



5. Ben Hudgins gave updates on planning issues:
 - a. No update from QuikTrip on there liquor license application.
 - b. 2060 Defoor Hills is seeking a parking reduction variance.
 - i. Building is being converted into a high end flooring showroom.
 - ii. Variance is from 117 to 48
 - iii. Received notice too late to vote on at the neighborhood meeting.
6. Teen Park committee had a couple of updates:
 - a. Four sleigh benches will be ordered.
 - i. Donated from Felicia Moore and Andre Dickens with Park Pride matching grants.
 - ii. Placed various locations in the park.
 - b. Brian Epstein is doing an erosion control project for his Eagle Scout project.
 - i. Installing erosion control berm from the basketball court area down to the path.
 - ii. Will be constructed of coconut fiber wattles.
 - iii. \$600 needed and two volunteers agreed to donate.
7. Steven Lindsay gave further park/beautification updates.
 - a. Graffiti on the wall on Woodland Hills at Collier has been painted over.
 - b. Suggested painting a mural.
 - c. Broken fence at the park has been reported.
 - d. Make sure to use 311 to report problems as the more reports filed the quicker things will get fixed.
8. Halloween party for kids at the park on 10/28 from 4-6pm. Engine 23 will be there.
9. Cynthia Williams gave update from Fire Station 23.
 - a. Increase traffic causes delays which causes deaths.
 - b. 30 firefighters per quarter are leaving, primarily due to low pay.
 - c. Encourage everyone to do a family fire drill.
10. Sponsors were thanked:
 - a. Gold sponsors – 1824 Defoor, Atlanta Police Foundation, AT&T, Ballard Designs, Charlie Ballard Real Estate, Blaine Palmer Realtor, Moncrief Heating & Air, Handyman of Marketing (In Kind), The Preschool at Northside Dr. Baptist Church, Joe Burns – Keller Williams Real Estate Agent, Florist Atlanta (In Kind).
 - a. Bronze - Comfort Shied Heating and Air, The UPS Store
 - b. Atlanta Brewery was thanked for hosting.
11. Next meeting will be November 5. Elections will be held. Location TBD.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.